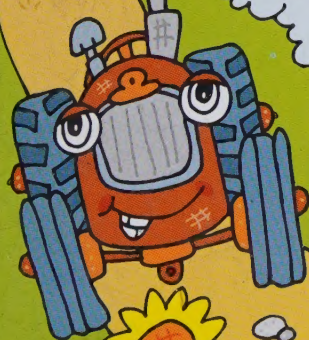




TOBY THE HERO

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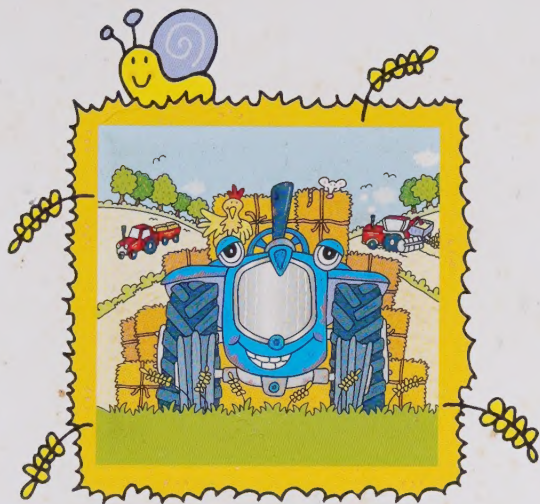




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TOBY THE HERO



Two tractors lived on Willow Farm. Toby was a strong and trusty tractor who had worked hard for many years. He was rusty and his wheels were old and worn.



Timmy was a young, cheeky tractor who liked to show off. He had bright red paint and shiny wheels and loved to race around the farm.



"You're so old, the farmer will get rid of you soon," Timmy teased Toby.



"No, he won't," said Toby. "I make sure all my work is done properly. You're so busy rushing everywhere, you make mistakes."



But Timmy didn't care and roared off down the lane.

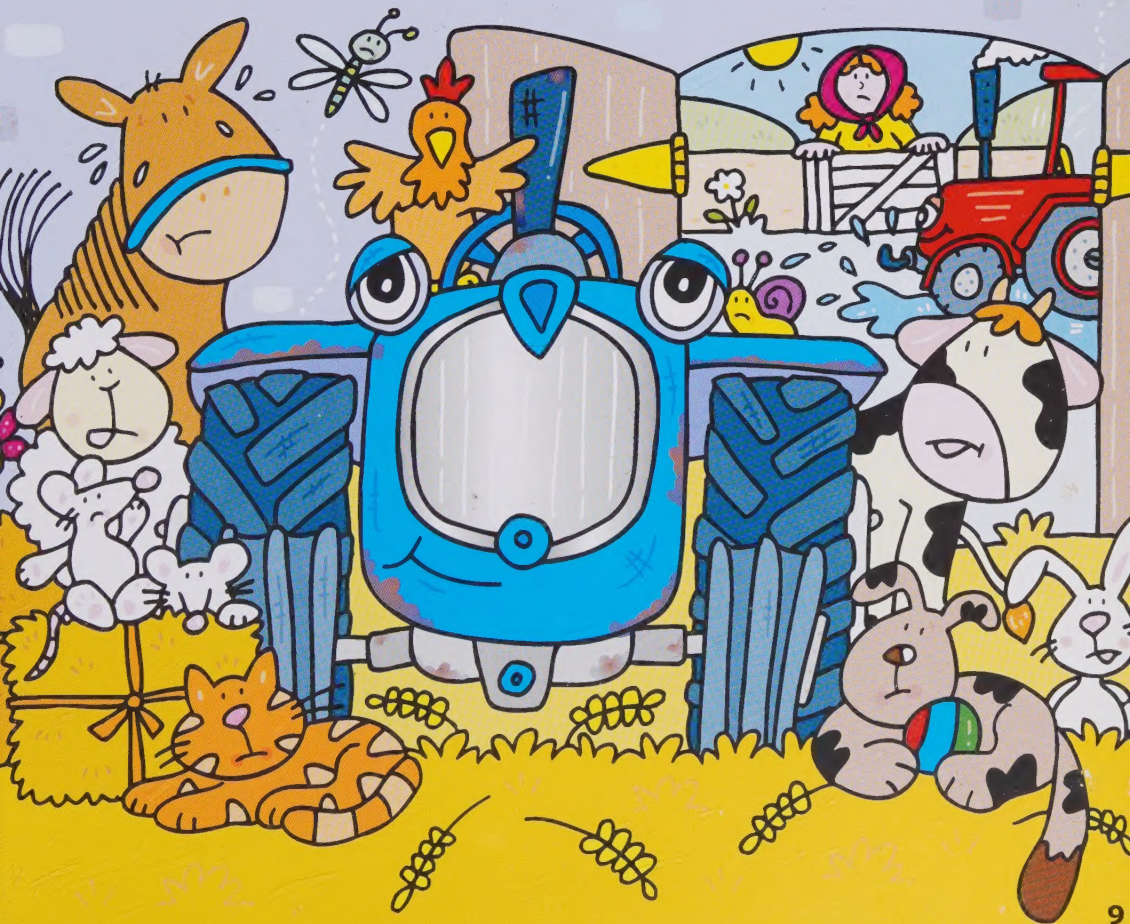
One morning, Timmy was rushing around so much that he backed into the hen house, then...



... drove through the duck pond and frightened Millie, the horse.



“Willow Farm used to be such a happy place before Timmy came,” the animals complained.



Later that day, Timmy was still rushing around.
He was collecting bales of hay from a big haystack.

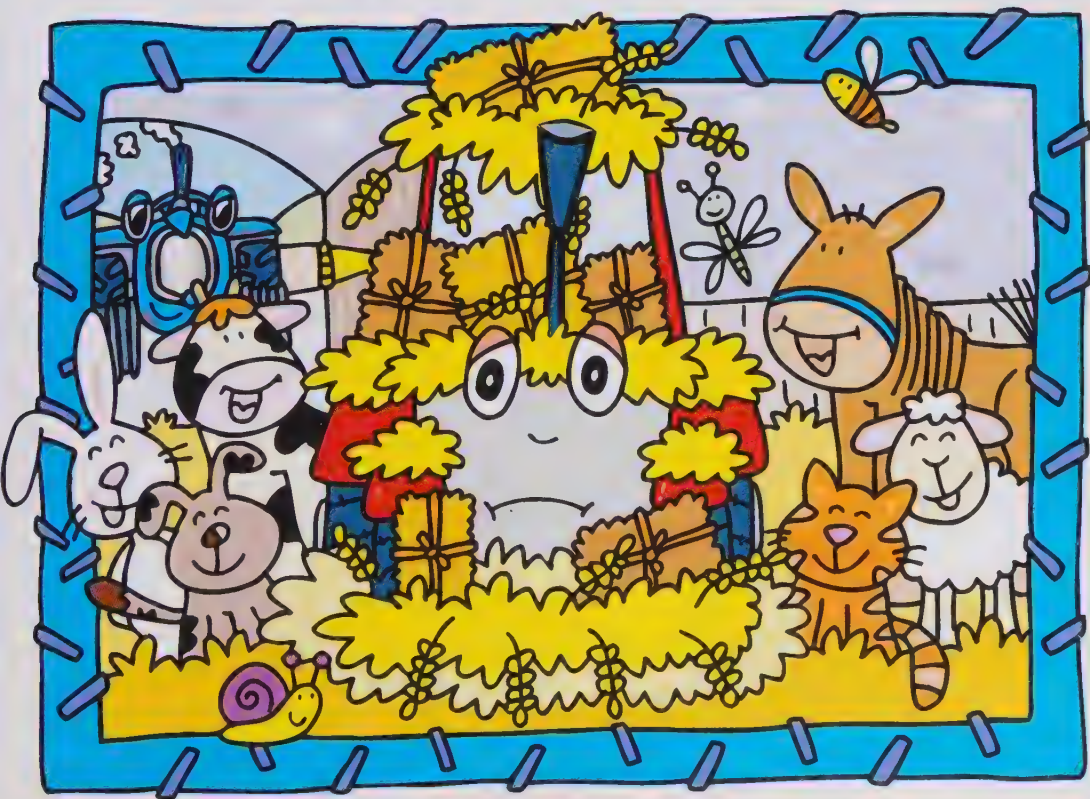


Suddenly, the haystack wobbled and
toppled over. Timmy was trapped underneath!

“Help!” he cried. “I’m stuck!”

“It serves you right!” the animals said, laughing.

“Don’t worry, Timmy. I’ll soon get you out,” said Toby.



Toby moved the hay as fast as he could.
Soon, Timmy was free again.



Back in the yard, the farmer
was very cross.

“Timmy, why can’t you be more
careful, like Toby?” he asked.



"I'm sorry," said Timmy, sadly. "Toby, will you show me how to do my work properly?"

"Of course," said Toby.



And, from that day on, the two friends became the best tractor team ever!

The end

RINGO'S CARNIVAL

The Carnival is here again,
Big Ringo's looking smart.
He's hung with brightly coloured flags,
Ready to make a start.





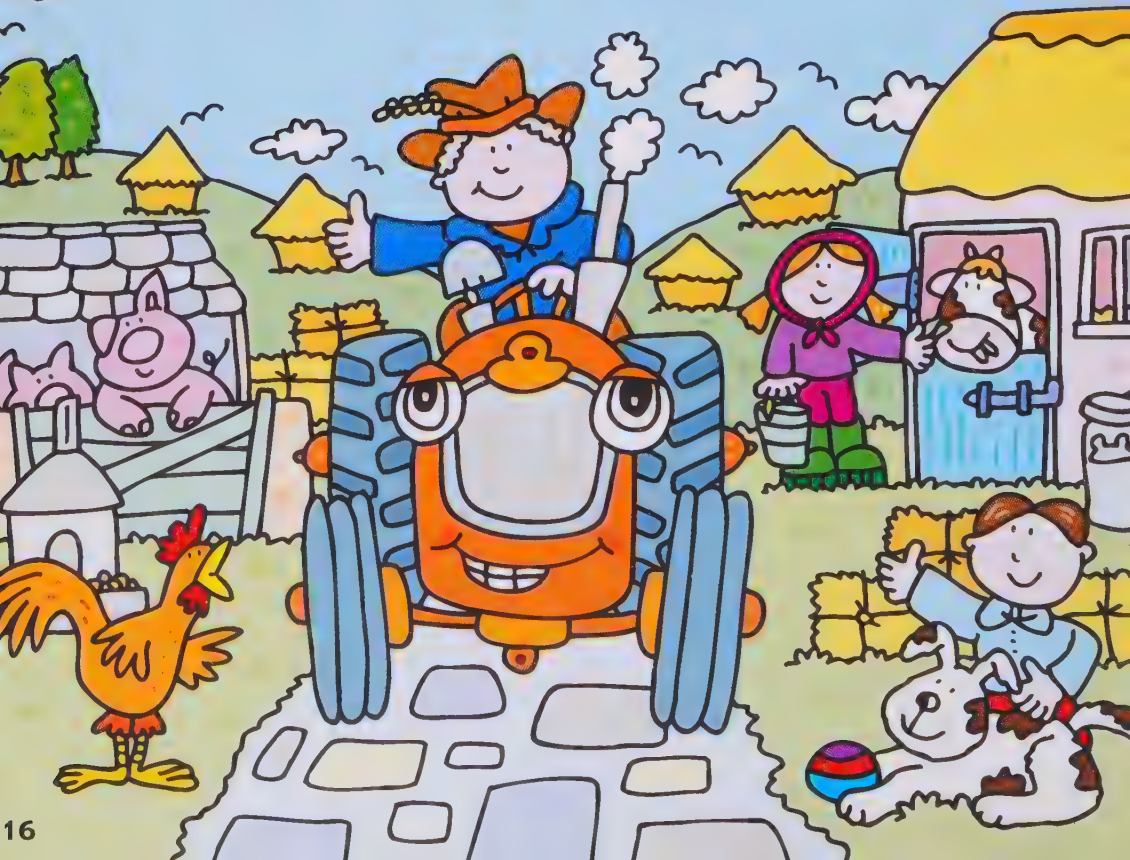
The crowds throw coins and shout, "Hooray!"
The judge says he has won.
Then Ringo trundles through the town –
It really is such fun!



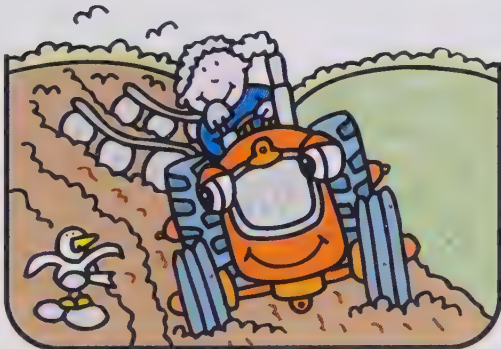
And at the end of the parade
He has a well-earned rest.
Everyone gathers round to say,
"Hey Ringo, you're the best!"

CHUGS ON PARADE

A long time ago, a tractor called Chugs lived at Blossom Farm. He worked very hard in all sorts of weather.



He ploughed the fields...



... moved bales of hay...

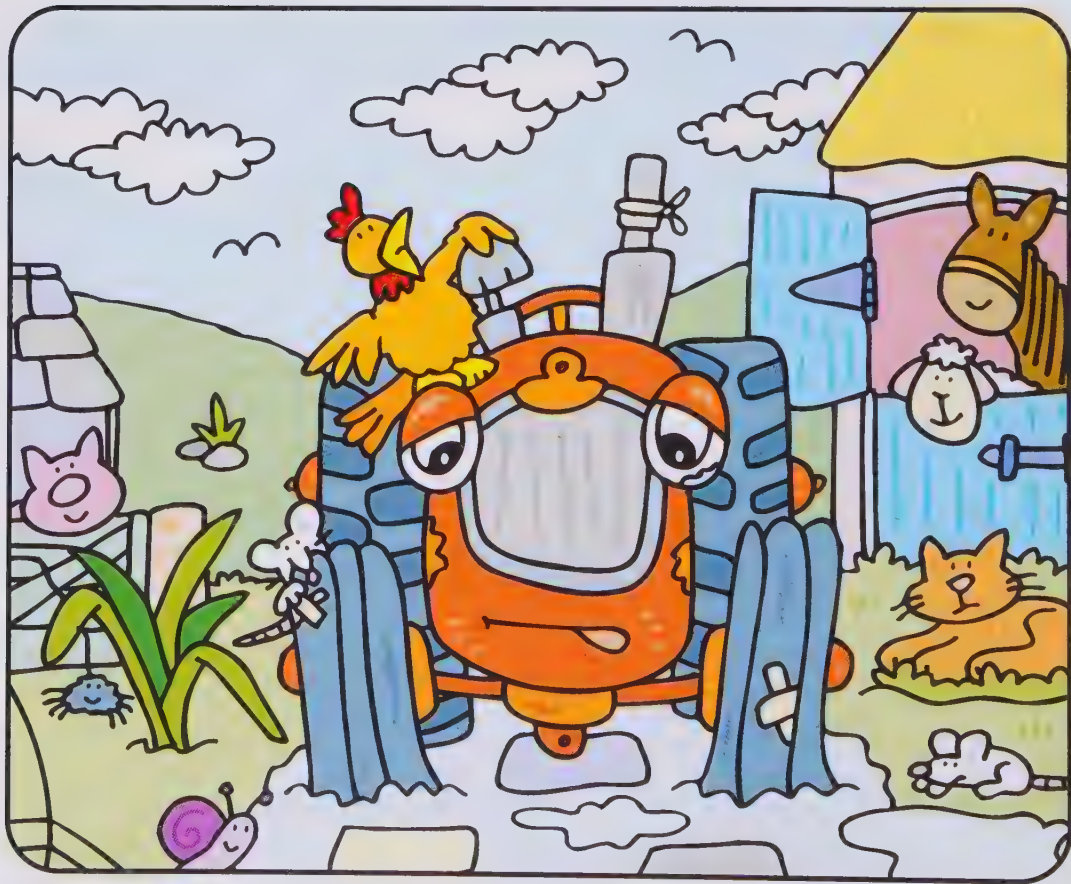


... and took the farmer to market.

"I love my work," said Chugs, happily.



Sadly, as Chugs got older, things began to go wrong. His lights didn't work and, on cold mornings, his engine wouldn't start.

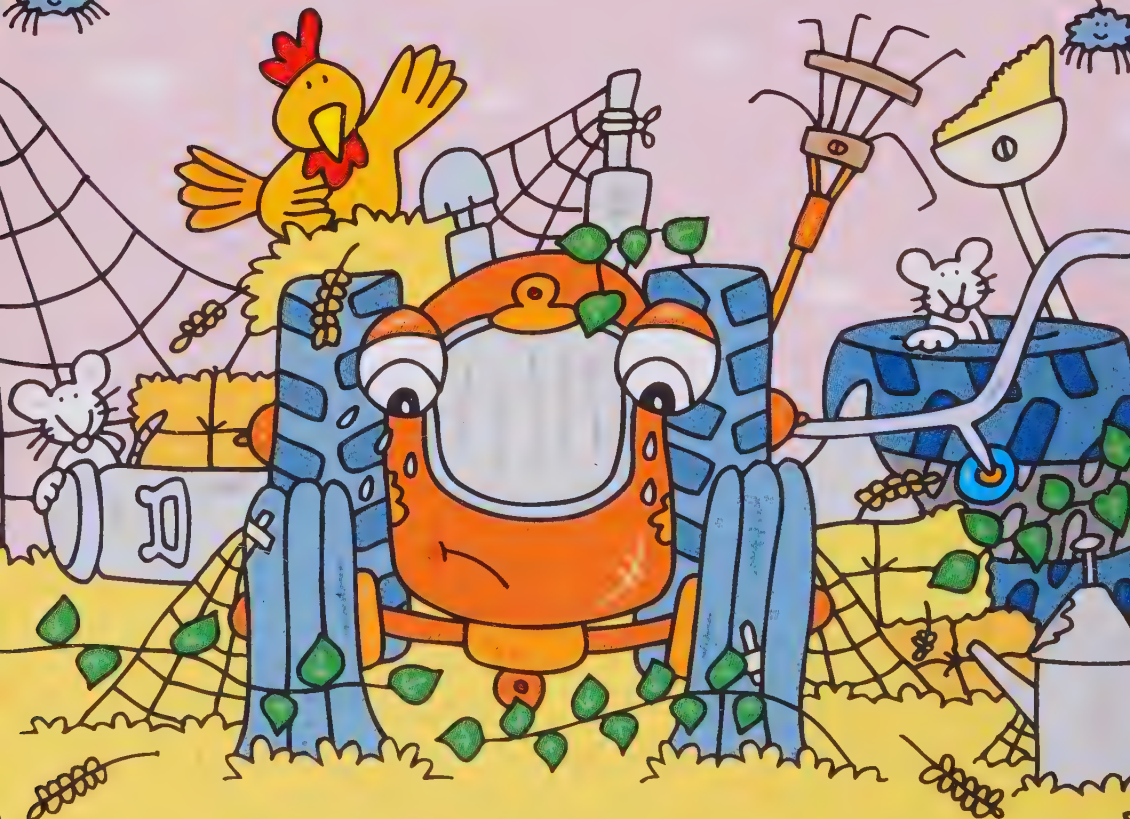


One day, a new tractor called Doug roared into the farmyard. He was younger and stronger than Chugs.



And it wasn't long before the farmer was using him instead.

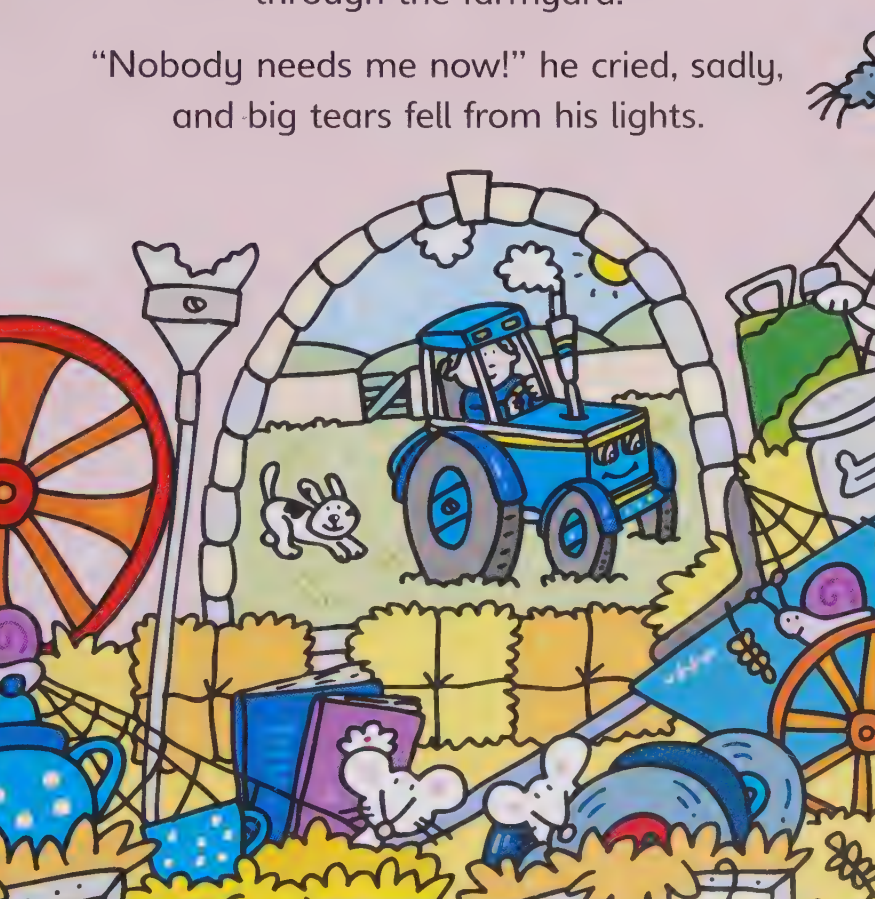
Chugs was pushed to the back of the barn and forgotten. His tyres went flat and his paintwork became chipped and dirty.



His only friend was Betty, the hen, who made her nest on his big black seat.

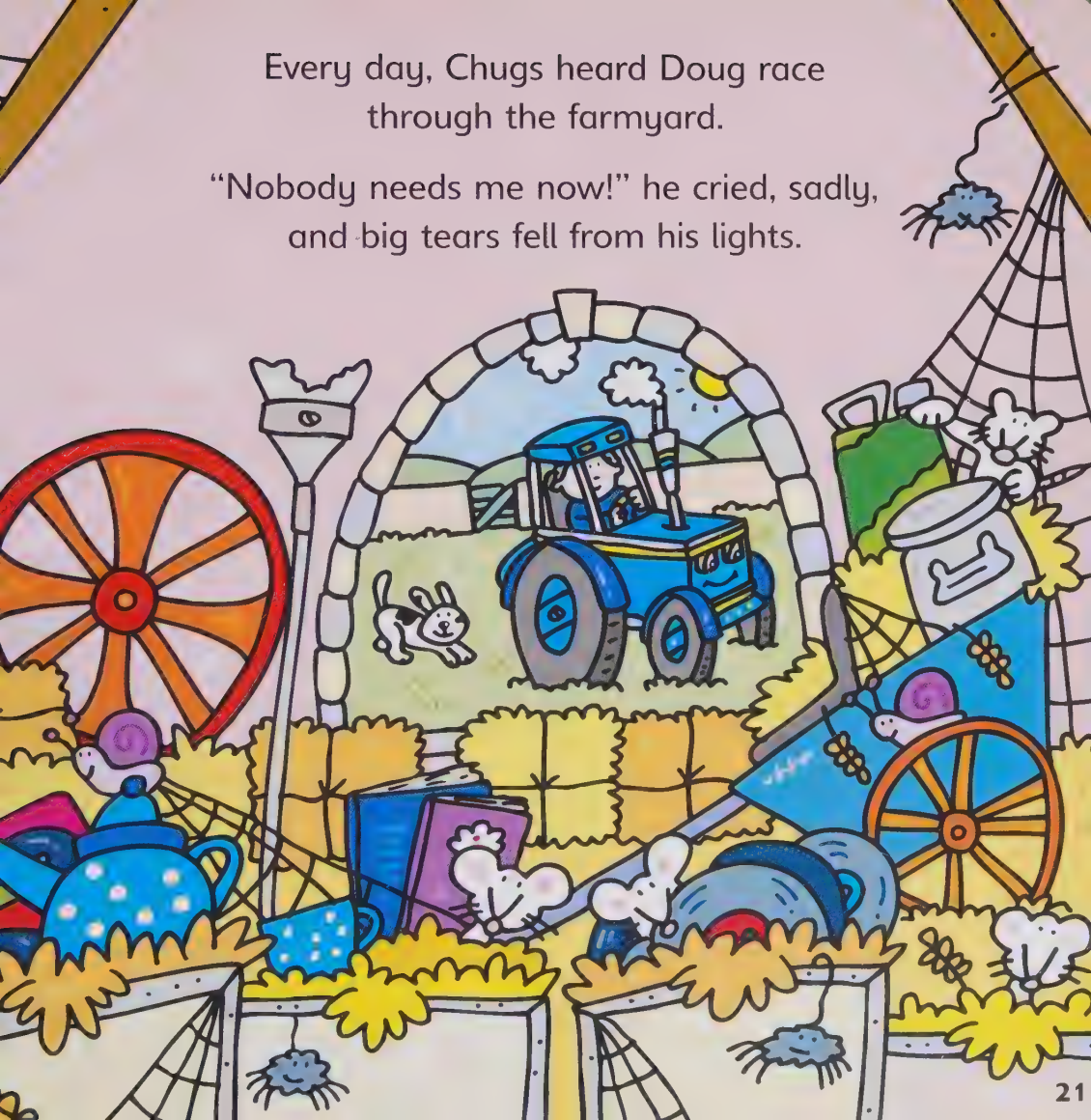
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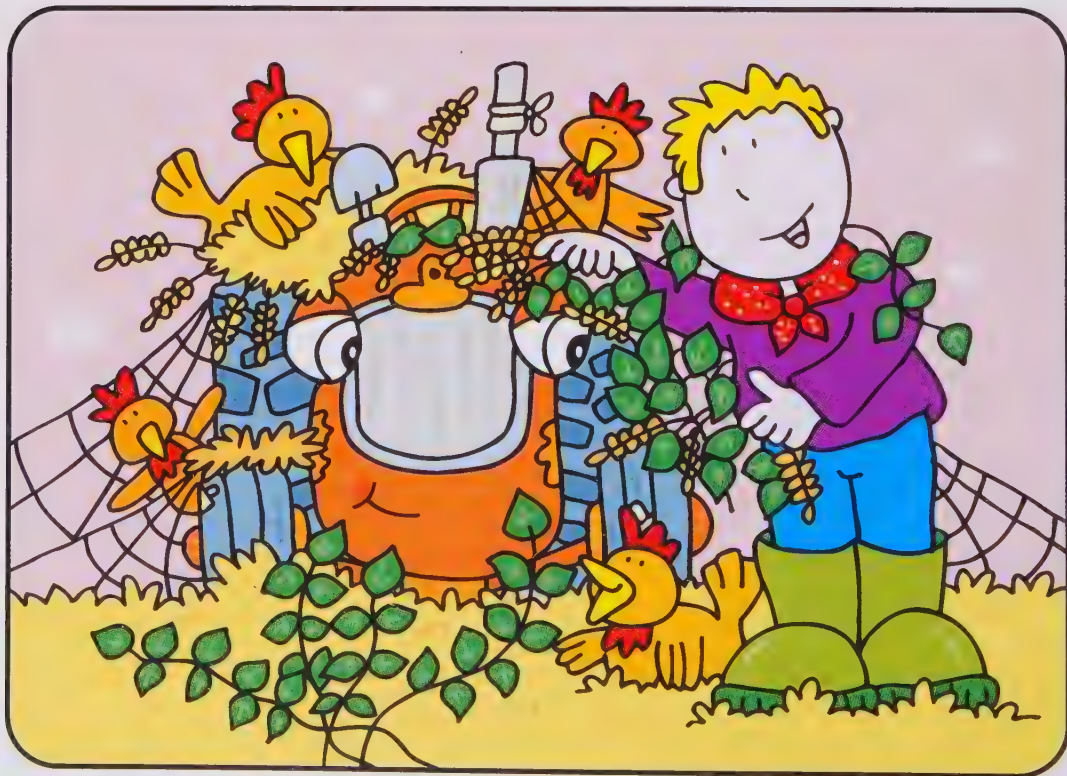
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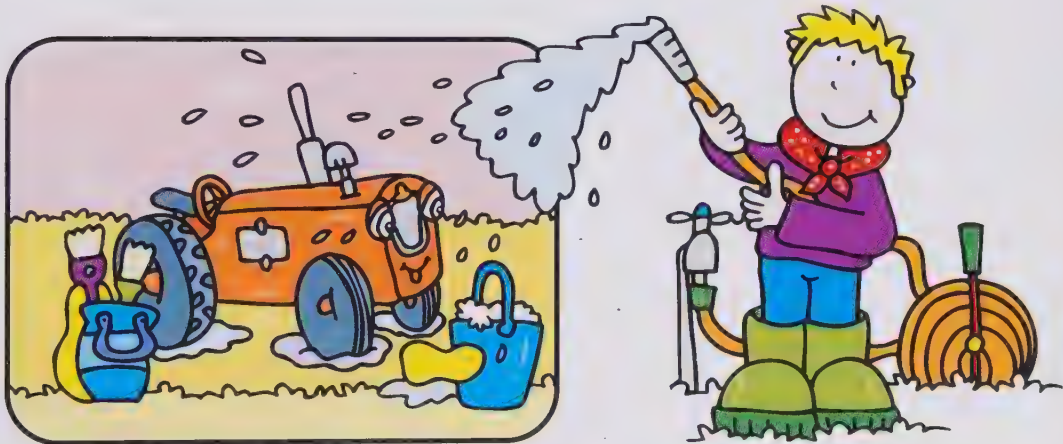
Many years passed by. One day, a young farmer discovered Chugs hidden beneath the brambles.

“It’s my grandad’s old tractor!” he cried.

“You don’t deserve to be rusting away.”



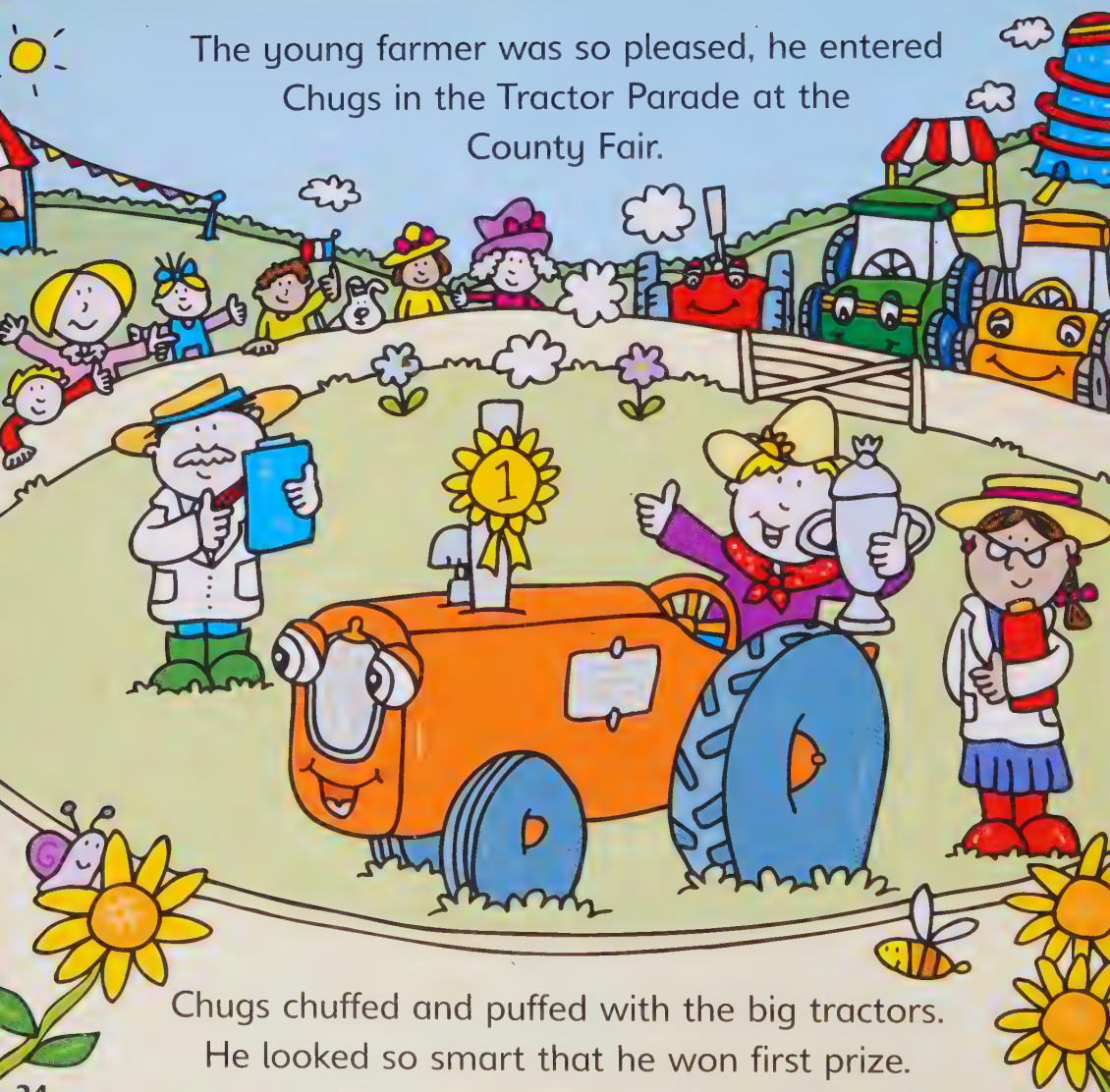
So, every evening, the young farmer worked hard,
washing, painting and fixing Chugs.



He blew up the
tractor's tyres and
soon Chugs was
chug-chug-chugging
once more.

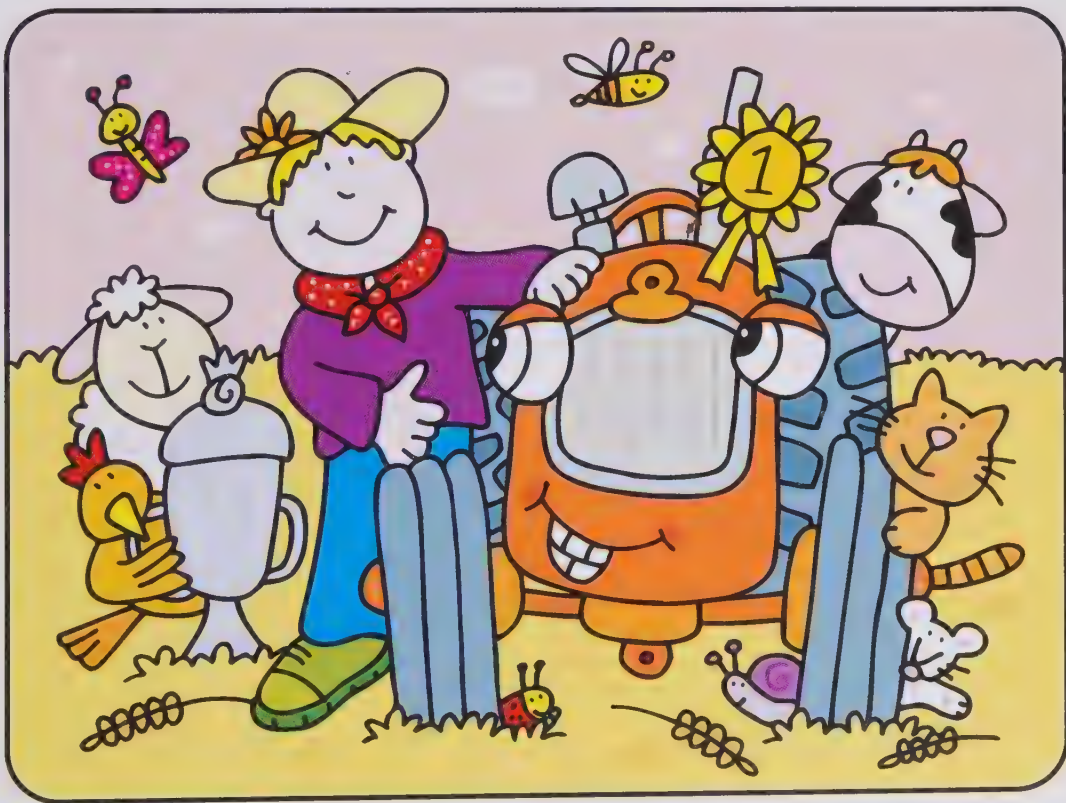


The young farmer was so pleased, he entered
Chugs in the Tractor Parade at the
County Fair.



Chugs chuffed and puffed with the big tractors.
He looked so smart that he won first prize.

“Well done, Chugs. I’ll make sure you are never forgotten again,” said the young farmer, proudly.



Chugs sighed happily. At last he was back where he belonged.

The end

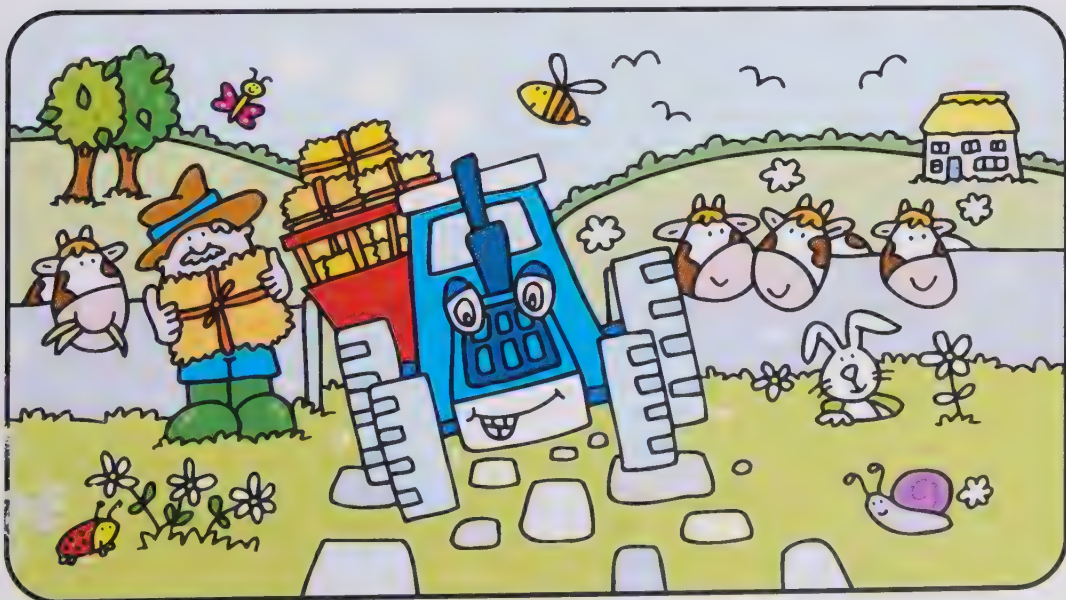
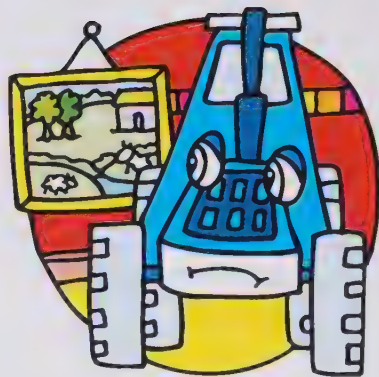
THE TOY TRACTOR

Little Toy Tractor is so busy
About Toy Farm each day,
Collecting logs and moving round
Big bales of plastic hay.



When he looks at all the pictures
On the nursery wall,
He cries, "Oh, why can't I be real?
It isn't fair at all.

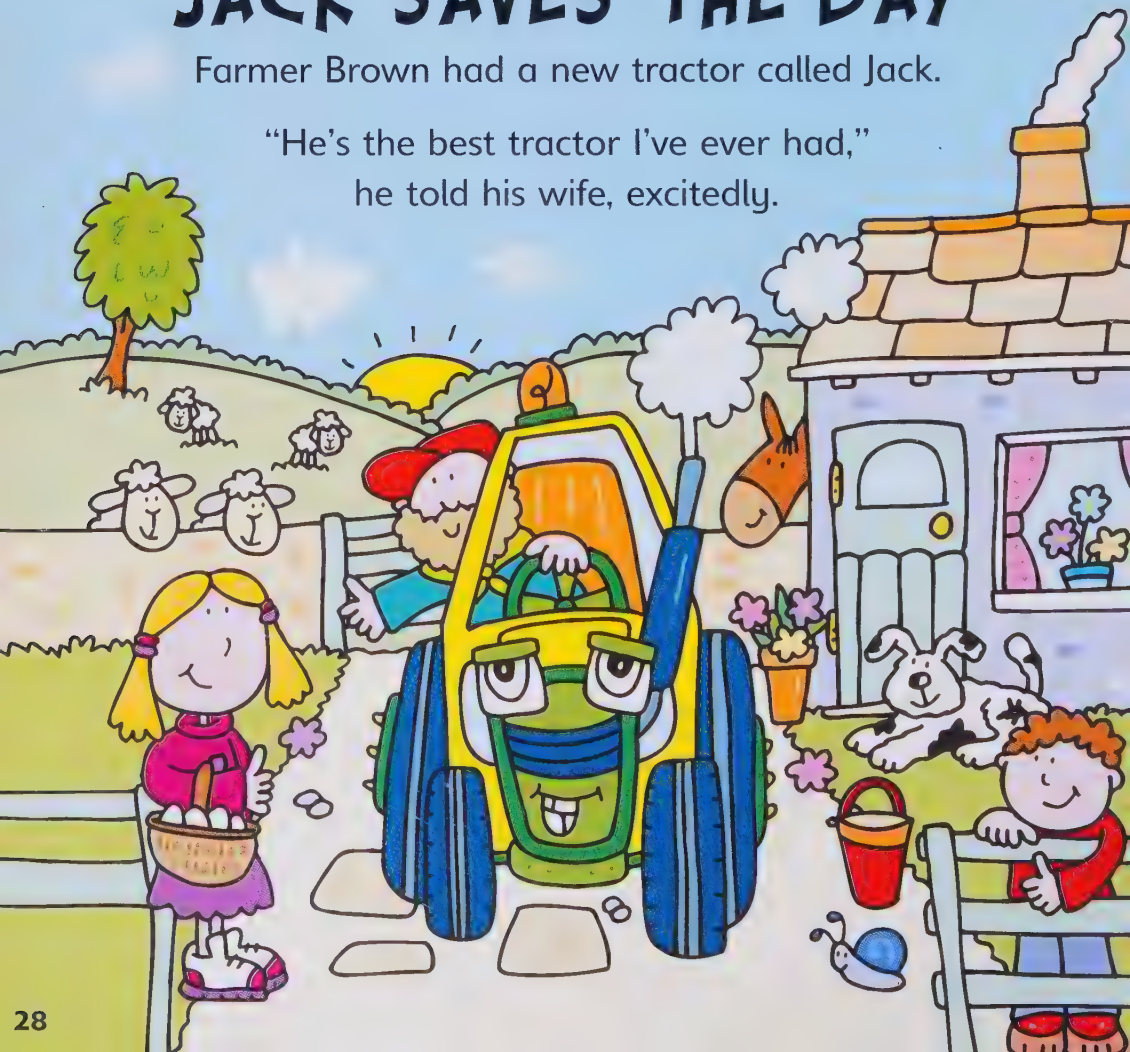
I'd plough the fields and pull along
A trailer right behind me.
I'd take fresh hay to real live cows –
Oh, what fun it would be!"



JACK SAVES THE DAY

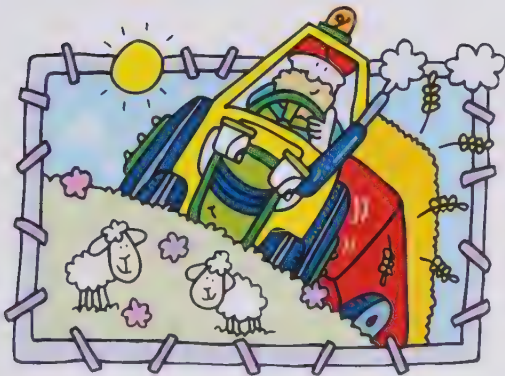
Farmer Brown had a new tractor called Jack.

“He’s the best tractor I’ve ever had,”
he told his wife, excitedly.



There wasn't anywhere Jack couldn't go.

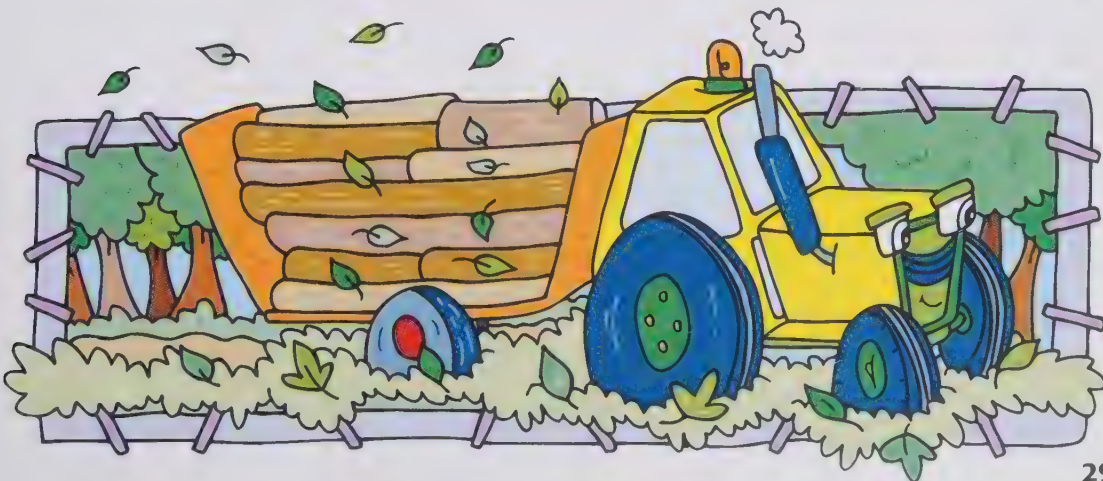
He roared up hills...



... splashed through rivers...

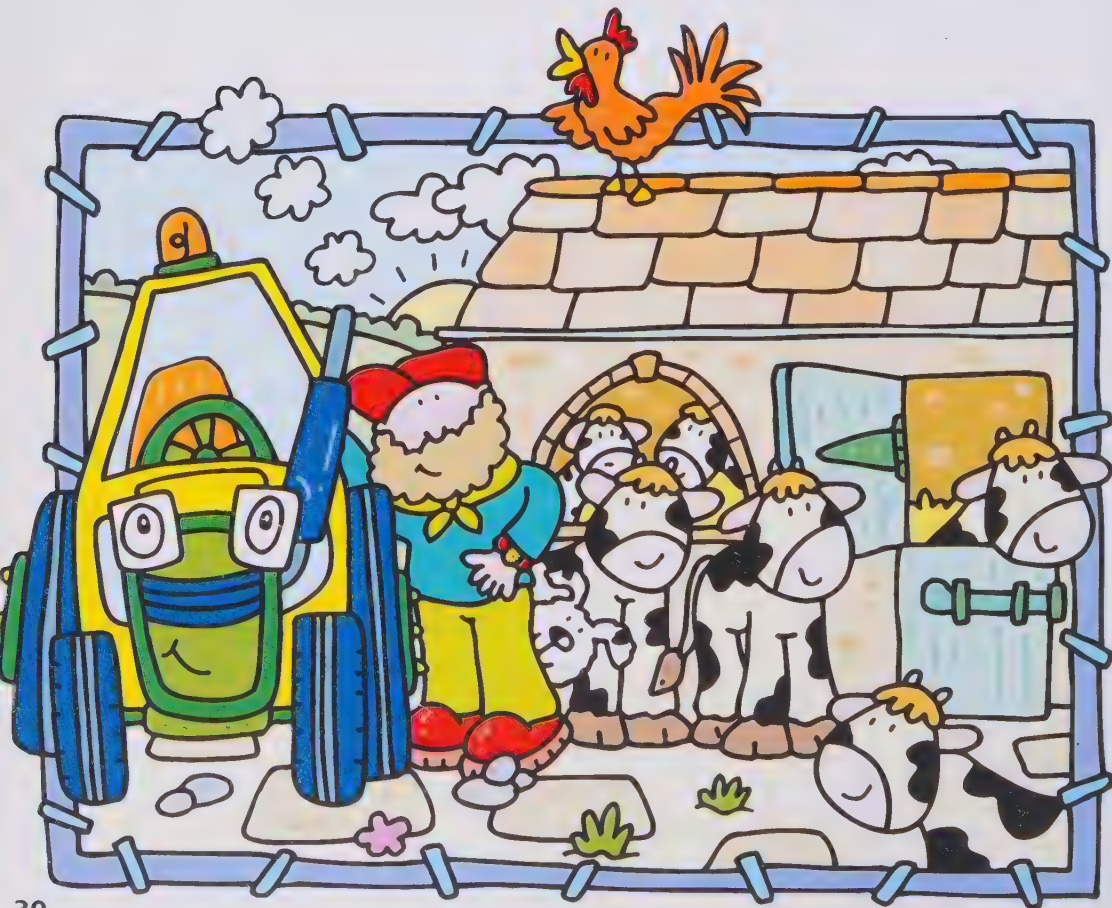


... and pulled trailers full of heavy logs.



One bright, sunny morning, the milk
tanker was late coming to collect the milk.

Farmer Brown took Jack to look for it.



Soon, Farmer Brown found the driver of the milk tanker, but where was the tanker?

"I skidded and slid into the water,"
said the driver.



"We'll have to get the tanker out quickly or my milk will be wasted!" cried Farmer Brown.



But the tanker was stuck.
Its wheels kept slipping and
sliding on the steep bank.

Suddenly, Farmer Brown had an idea.
“Jack will be able to help!”
he cried.



The strong tractor was soon down by the water.
A crowd gathered to watch, as Farmer Brown
fixed a big chain onto the tanker's bumper.

Then, slowly but surely, Jack pulled the
milk tanker back up the steep bank.



It wasn't long before they
were back on the road again.



“Thank you, Farmer Brown. Now I can come and collect your milk,” said the tanker driver.

“Don’t thank me. Jack’s the one who saved the day,” said Farmer Brown.



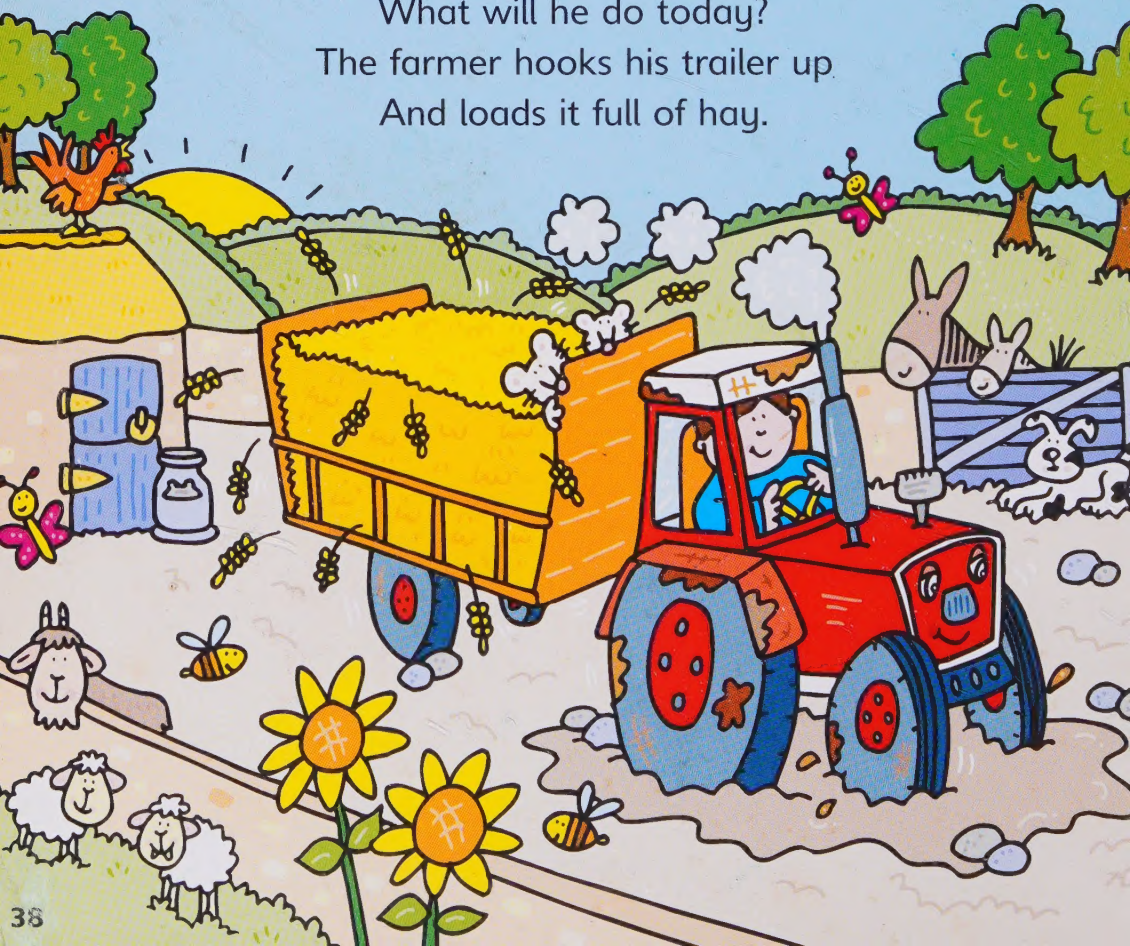
"Three cheers for Jack, the big, trusty tractor!"
shouted the crowd. "Hip! Hip! Hooray!"

The end



BUSY BEN

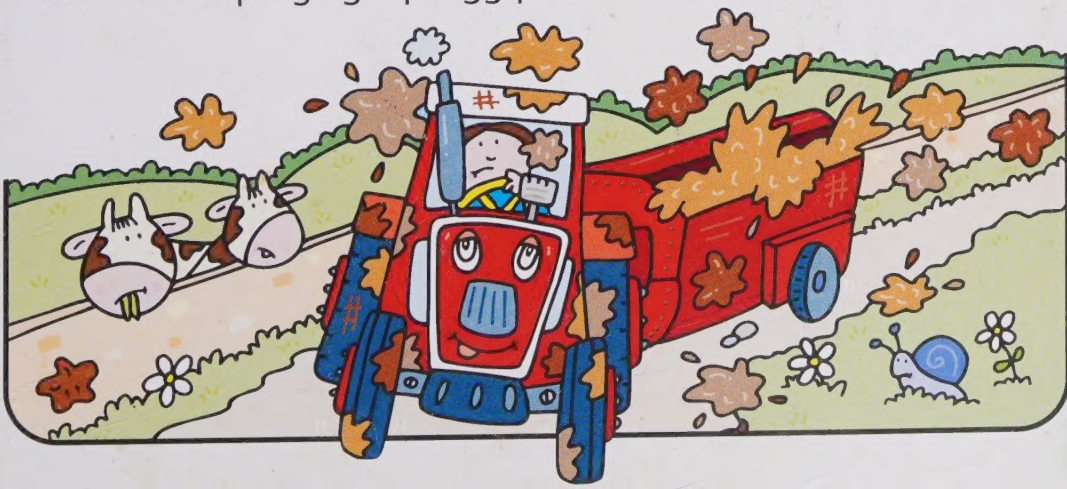
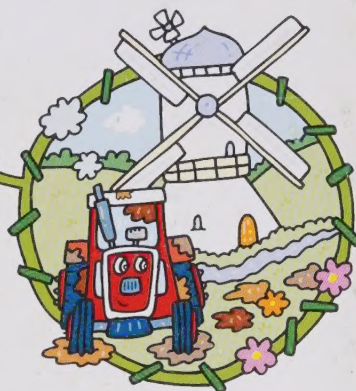
Ben trundles out into the yard,
What will he do today?
The farmer hooks his trailer up
And loads it full of hay.



Ben splashes through the big river
And powers up a hill.
He squelches through a muddy field
And chugs down to the mill.



Now it's time to spread some muck –
That's what Ben loves to do!
Hey, watch out cows, here's smelly Ben,
He's spraying squidgy poo!



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